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In re Application of

Makoto YOSHIDA, et al.

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SINTERING METHOD AND SINTERING APPARATUS OF POROUS GLASS

BASE MATERIAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2010 and in concert with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.